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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 19th June 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending 26th June 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 150 carts of ragi and 13 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 138 carts of ragi and 22 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 78 to Rs. 85 per cart during the week against Rs. 80 to Rs. 88 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The Importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots. The transactions in these depots are being watched by the Inspecting Staff.

Mysore City.—No change.

Bangalore District.—Rain is urgently wanted for the completion of ploughing operations and for sowing. There were light showers in some taluks, the highest (55 cents) being at Nelamangala and the lowest (5 cents) at Magadi.

The standing crop of sugar-cane is reported to be in good condition.

The prices of ragi and rice remained stationary. The price of ragi ranged from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 seers, local rice 3 to $3\frac{1}{4}$ seers a rupee.

Burma rice was available in all Government Depots and Co-operative Societies at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee.

The general situation still continues to be hopeful.

Mysore District.—As far as food is concerned there is no change. With regard to crops more rain is required, especially in the northern half of the district. In Hunsur Taluk it is reported that there has been a welcome break in the rain.

Prices still remain high.

Tumkur District.—There were light showers of rain in Tiptur and Pavagada Taluks. The price of ragi has gone up to Rs. 84 per cart load, while that of paddy ranges between Rs. 75 and Rs. 80. Demand for Burma rice is slackening everywhere in the district and the depot at Tiptur is ordered to be closed. Local rice is being sold at $4\frac{1}{4}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee.

Kolar District.—Rain is badly wanted in several places in the district. The raiyats are showing signs of anxiety in this respect. In some places the fields have been ploughed up but in many others the people have been very anxiously waiting for want of rain. The *Vaisakhi* paddy is almost completely harvested.

Hassan District.—*Santes* were fairly well supplied with food grains.

Standing crops such as *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition. Giddaragi is badly in need of rain. Reaping of *Kar* paddy in the Arsikere Taluk is nearing completion.

Prices of food grains are still high. Price of rice shows a tendency to rise higher.

Except for a few showers of rain in the Manjarabad Taluk there was no appreciable fall of rain in the district during the week.

Prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rain is urgently wanted for the standing crops.

Shimoga District.—The general conditions remain the same as in the previous week. Prices of food grains remain high.

Kadur District.—The supply of foodstuffs in the several markets was sufficient to meet the local demand. But, the prices remained unchanged.

The rainfall was scanty in all the places except at Koppa and Narasimharajapura. This has slackened the progress of the agricultural occupations to some extent.

Chitaldrug District.—There was no rain during the week and the raiyats in consequence are getting somewhat anxious.

Ragi is being largely exported outside the district and it is chiefly going to Bowringpet. The price of this commodity has slightly gone up.

The prices of other grains are stationary.

General by Food Controller.—There was only slight rainfall in parts of the districts of Bangalore, Kadur and Chitaldrug; the want of rain is beginning to be keenly felt in many parts of the State.

Markets are reported to be fairly well supplied. The flow of ragi into the Bangalore City Market is increasing and the price has gone down slightly. In Tumkur, however, the price of ragi has gone up to Rs. 84 per cart load. The price of paddy in the Bangalore City has been stationary, while in Tumkur it has gone up from Rs. 75 to Rs. 80 per cart load.

The sale of Burma rice in the Bangalore City through Municipal Depots is continued, the demand for Burma rice from Co-operative Societies is increasing.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

Appreciation of Services.

ORDER No. 18-19—C.B. 79-19-14, DATED 3RD—5TH JULY 1920.

In permitting Rajakaryapravina Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Arumugam Mudaliar to retire from the State service, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja desire to place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by this officer in the Medical Department for a period of nearly thirty three years.

2. Mr. Arumugam Mudaliar entered the Government service on the 13th September 1887 as an Assistant Surgeon and was promoted to the rank of Civil Surgeon in June 1897. In the following year he was employed on plague duty during the first outbreak of that epidemic and he succeeded to a marked degree in popularising inoculation.

3. Early in his official career Mr. Arumugam Mudaliar made his mark as a talented physician and surgeon and the Victoria Hospital in Bangalore, of which he held charge as Resident Medical Officer and Chief Medical Officer practically ever since its establishment up to the date of his appointment as Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner, owes its reputation and popularity in no small measure to his professional skill and untiring efforts.

4. For the last 6½ years of his service he has filled the office of Senior Surgeon with conspicuous ability and success.

5. In 1914 His Excellency the Viceroy conferred on him the title of "RAO BAHADUR" and in October 1915 His Highness the Maharaja rewarded him with the title of "RAJA-KARYAPRAVINA" in recognition of his services.

By Order,
C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.